

143 MILLION

orphans and waiting children

It's a **BIG** number.
What is God's plan?

We are.

The body of Christ is God's
plan to reach the orphan.

"I tell you the truth, whatever
you did for **ONE** of the
least of these
brothers of mine,
you did for me."
Matthew 25:40



Defending the Forgotten

Biltmore Baptist Orphan Ministry

Defending the Forgotten is a ministry of Biltmore Baptist Church that is committed to being a voice for the orphan. One of the most devastating issues of our day is the fact that 143 million children around the world are growing up without a family. We desire to uplift these children by bringing the light of Christ into their darkness.

Our purpose is:

- To bring awareness of the plight of the orphan and God's heart for them.
- To motivate the body of Christ to live out the biblical mandate to care for the orphan.
- To give support to those who have answered the call to adopt or foster parent.
- To provide opportunities for Biltmore Baptist members to minister to orphans.



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"...God sets the lonely in families."

Psalm 146:9

4 ways we all can get involved

1 PRAY

Children without families desperately need God's intervention in their lives. Go to the Father on their behalf and pray that God would fulfill their dream by bringing them a Christian family to adopt them. Pray for their salvation and protection.

You can go to www.adoptuskids.com or www.rainbowkids.com to find pictures of children who are waiting for forever families.

2 SERVE

Orphans are close to the heart of God. Because of this, He leads followers to take action and serve Him by serving the "least of these." James 1:27 tells us that from God's perspective, part of a pure religious faith is one that has contact with these little ones who are in distress.

Here are some ways you can touch the life of an orphan:

- **Look for opportunities to minister to orphans by visiting:**
Defending the Forgotten at www.biltmorebaptist.org/orphanministry.
- **Be a Guardian Ad Litem**
Represent a child in the court system. For more details go to www.galbuncombe.org.
- **Children who age out**
Foster children who turn 18 "age out" of the system and have many needs for stability. Consider befriending one of these. Contact us at www.biltmorebaptist.org/orphanministry for more information.

"Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute."
Psalm 82:3



"Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."
Isaiah 1:17

3 GIVE

Your gift to Global Focus allows *Defending the Forgotten* to assist in funding projects that will directly touch the lives of orphans. Financial gifts will be used to support and undergird opportunities where Biltmore Baptist has ministry partners in our own area and around the world. Since most of the world's orphans cannot be adopted, monies will be used to bring awareness of their plight, to provide for their physical needs and to fund orphanages and mission trips.

For more information visit www.biltmorebaptist.org/globalfocus.

- Check the *Defending the Forgotten* website at www.biltmorebaptist.org/orphanministry to find ways you can donate resources to be used for foster children in our area.

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."
James 1:27



"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice."
Proverbs 31:8-9

4 ADOPT OR FOSTER

Pray about the incredible opportunity to impact a life through adoption, foster parenting or emergency foster parenting (*for short-term placements*).

For more information contact:

- *Defending the Forgotten* at www.biltmorebaptist.org/orphanministry.
- Call 1-800-FLTODAY to order a free booklet entitled, "Welcome Home: Eight Steps to Adoption", or go to www.hopefororphans.com.
- Contact www.bethany.org or www.adoptuskids.com to find out more information on adoption.
- Contact your local Department of Social Services for more information on becoming a foster parent or adopting a foster child.

Buncombe County:

Phone: 828-250-5500
Website: www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/dss

Henderson County:

Phone: 828-697-5500
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"He who welcomes a little child in My name welcomes Me."
Matthew 18:5